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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace without prejudice all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (cancelled);

Claim 2 (currently amended): Dispensing machine (10) according to claim 1 characterised in that it further comprises Automatic machine for dispensing photographic products and the like, comprising a container inside which there is at least a magazine constituted by one or more hive-shaped containers, each of said hive-shaped containers comprising a plurality of seats, a system for moving and handling the products which are housed within said seats controlled by an electronic control logics, a data inputting and displaying device placed on the front part of said container, a device for delivering outwards the products which have been withdrawn from said seats, as well as a cashing device, the automatic machine further comprising a device for collecting at least a roll of film to be developed, and a device suitable for delivering a coded carrier to the user, whereby a code to be associated to the roll to be introduced within said dispensing machine is bound to said carrier, the automatic machine further comprising a device for reading and storing data which are associated to the user, in particular a magnetic or microchip card reader, or a biometric sensor.

Claim 3 (currently amended): Dispensing machine (10) according to claim 1 characterised in that it further comprises Automatic machine for dispensing photographic products and the like, comprising a container inside which there is at least a magazine constituted by one or more hive-shaped containers, each of said hive-shaped containers comprising a plurality of seats, a system for moving and handling the products which are housed within said seats controlled by an electronic control logics, a data inputting and displaying device placed on the front part of said container, a device for delivering outwards the products which have been withdrawn from said seats, as well as a cashing device, the automatic machine further comprising a device for collecting at least a roll of film to be developed, and a device suitable for delivering a coded carrier to the user, whereby a code to be associated to the roll to be introduced within said

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dispensing machine is bound to said carrier, the automatic machine further comprising a second dispenser (20) for selling products, e.g. new rolls of film, disposable eameras, batteries, whose operation is controlled by the electronic control logics of said dispensing machine (10).

Claim 4 (currently amended): Dispensing machine (10) according to claim 1 characterised in that it further comprises Automatic machine for dispensing photographic products and the like, comprising a container inside which there is at least a magazine constituted by one or more hive-shaped containers, each of said hive-shaped containers comprising a plurality of seats, a system for moving and handling the products which are housed within said seats controlled by an electronic control logics, a data inputting and displaying device placed on the front part of said container, a device for delivering outwards the products which have been withdrawn from said seats, as well as a cashing device, the automatic machine further comprising a device for collecting at least a roll of film to be developed, and a device suitable for delivering a coded carrier to the user, whereby a code to be associated to the roll to be introduced within said dispensing machine is bound to said carrier, the automatic machine further comprising a device for verifying and validating the roll provided with a code that is introduced within said dispensing machine (10).

Claim 5 (currently amended): Dispensing machine (10) according to claim 1 characterised in that it further comprises Automatic machine for dispensing photographic products and the like, comprising a container inside which there is at least a magazine constituted by one or more hive-shaped containers, each of said hive-shaped containers comprising a plurality of seats, a system for moving and handling the products which are housed within said seats controlled by an electronic control logics, a data inputting and displaying device placed on the front part of said container, a device for delivering outwards the products which have been withdrawn from said seats, as well as a cashing device, the automatic machine further comprising a device for collecting at least a roll of film to be developed, and a device suitable for delivering a coded carrier to the user, whereby a code to be associated to the roll to be introduced within said dispensing machine is bound to said carrier, the automatic machine further comprising a series

of boxes suitable for containing printed photographs, each box being placed inside of a predetermined seat (13).

Claim 6 (currently amended): Dispensing machine (10) according to claim 1 characterised in that it further comprises Automatic machine for dispensing photographic products and the like, comprising a container inside which there is at least a magazine constituted by one or more hive-shaped containers, each of said hive-shaped containers comprising a plurality of seats, a system for moving and handling the products which are housed within said seats controlled by an electronic control logics, a data inputting and displaying device placed on the front part of said container, a device for delivering outwards the products which have been withdrawn from said seats, as well as a cashing device, the automatic machine further comprising a device for collecting at least a roll of film to be developed, and a device suitable for delivering a coded carrier to the user, whereby a code to be associated to the roll to be introduced within said dispensing machine is bound to said carrier, the automatic machine further comprising memory means for storing the spatial position and the state, either empty or full, of each seat (13), as well as means for associating the code carried by said coded carrier to a given box containing printed photographs.

Claim 7 (cancelled):

Claim 8 (currently amended): Dispensing machine (10) according to claim I characterised in that it further comprises Automatic machine for dispensing photographic products and the like, comprising a container inside which there is at least a magazine constituted by one or more hive-shaped containers, each of said hive-shaped containers comprising a plurality of seats, a system for moving and handling the products which are housed within said seats controlled by an electronic control logics, a data inputting and displaying device placed on the front part of said container, a device for delivering outwards the products which have been withdrawn from said seats, as well as a cashing device, the automatic machine further comprising a device for collecting at least a roll of film to be developed, and a device suitable for delivering a coded carrier to the user, whereby a code to be associated to the roll to be introduced within said

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dispensing machine is bound to said carrier, the automatic machine further comprising means for receiving from a remote location and for storing the data relative to the position of the printed photographs inside of the hive-shaped containers (12), as well as to the amounts to be paid fro the rendered services.

Claim 9 (cancelled):

Claim 10 (currently amended): Dispensing machine (10) according to claim 1 characterised in that it further comprises Automatic machine for dispensing photographic products and the like comprising a container inside which there is at least a magazine constituted by one or more hive-shaped containers, each of said hive-shaped containers comprising a plurality of seats, a system for moving and handling the products which are housed within said seats controlled by an electronic control logics, a data inputting and displaying device placed on the front part of said container, a device for delivering outwards the products which have been withdrawn from said seats, as well as a cashing device, the automatic machine further comprising a device for collecting at least a roll of film to be developed, and a device suitable for delivering a coded carrier to the user, whereby a code to be associated to the roll to be introduced within said dispensing machine is bound to said carrier, wherein said magazine is constituted by a drum rotating about a vertical axis, whereby the side surface of said drum is provided with said seats (13), said moving and handling device (21, 22) being movable along two (Y, Z) mutually perpendicular axes.

Claim 11 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 2, wherein the code carrier is a magnetic or microchip card or a car provided of bar codes.

Claim 12 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 2, wherein the device for reading and storing data, is a magnetic or microchip card reader, or a biometric sensor.

Claim 13 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 3, wherein the products are new rolls of film, disposable cameras or batteries,

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Claim 14 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 2, further comprising means for transmitting to a remote location the data relative to the rolls of film to be developed introduced within the dispensing machine.

Claim 15 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 2, wherein said magazine is fixed inside of said container, and said moving and handling system comprises a device that is movable along three mutually perpendicular axes.

Claim 16 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 5, further comprising means for transmitting to a remote location the data relative to the rolls of film to be developed introduced within the dispensing machine.

Claim 17 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 5, wherein said magazine is fixed inside of said container, and said moving and handling system comprises a device that is movable along three mutually perpendicular axes.

Claim 18 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 8, further comprising means for transmitting to a remote location the data relative to the rolls of film to be developed introduced within the dispensing machine.

Claim 19 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 8, wherein said magazine is fixed inside of said container, and said moving and handling system comprises a device that is movable along three mutually perpendicular axes.

Claim 20 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 10, further comprising means for transmitting to a remote location the data relative to the rolls of film to be developed introduced within the dispensing machine.

Claim 21 (new): The automatic machine according to claim 10, wherein said magazine is fixed inside of said container, and said moving and handling system comprises a device that is movable along three mutually perpendicular axes.